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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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6. ☒ This application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60 or §1.53(b) or (d).

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- 6a. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5) is concurrently filed herewith.
- 6b. ☒ Copies of publications listed on Form PTO-1449 from prior application Serial No. 10/266,869, filed on October 8, 2002, of which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, are not being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).
- 6c. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. , filed on , and are provided herewith.
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- 8a. ☐ satisfied because all non-English language publications were cited on the enclosed English language copy of the PCT International Search Report or the search report from a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.
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